

**Utah Department of Health
Hot Topics - Notes from Executive Management Team
Monday, July 9, 2001**

Reorganized Bureau of Communicable Disease Control Brings Improved Service and Shorter Name!

There are some changes in the Division of Epidemiology and Laboratory Services. The Bureau of HIV/AIDS, TB Control and Refugee Health is now the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control. The name change helps to emphasize the broader spectrum of diseases that will be served through the Bureau. The focus and mission of the Bureau continues as one of technical assistance, capacity building and direct client services for refugees and people living with HIV disease, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases. The HIV/AIDS Education Program will now be known as the HIV Prevention Program. This change more appropriately reflects the prevention focused activities of the program. Finally, the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Program will move from the Bureau of Epidemiology to the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control. The addition of the STD Control Program is an exciting and natural partner to many of the pandemic/endemic disease control related activities that are the focus of Bureau. For more information, contact Teresa Garrett, Bureau Director at 801-538-6246. Please adjust the information in your files and division lists.

Centers of Disease Control to Provide Financial Assistance to Olympic Public Health Roles

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans to provide the Utah Department of Health with \$650,000 to help pay for increased costs associated with providing public health services to community and venue sites during the 2002 Winter Olympics. This money will be awarded to the UDOH and then, after determining a formula for how the money will be allocated, the UDOH will distribute funding to the local health departments. For more information, contact Scott Williams, Deputy Director at 801-538-6111.

****Level 4 Issue - Olympics/Public Health Coordination**

New Capitol Contact Procedure Issued for UDOH

To better streamline the requests for State leaders' time and better coordinate the message targeted to them, a new procedure has been issued. If you plan to get on their schedules or contact one of the following individuals, then the UDOH has an internal procedure that should be followed:

First Lady's Office or her representatives

Governor's Office or his representatives

Lt. Governor's Office or her representatives

Legislature (Senate, House and committees)

The UDOH Capitol Contact Procedure is attached to this e-mail. For more information, contact Linda Roberds, Executive Directors' Office at 801-538-6111. ([Click here for PDF version of Procedure](#))

Communications and Response Seminar to Focus on Public Health

The Utah Association of Local Health Officers and the Utah Department of Health are announcing an upcoming workshop entitled, "A Seminar in Public Health Communications and Response". This three-day workshop is designed to bring together all public health stakeholders to formulate communication plans and preparedness and response plans in the event of a public health emergency such as bioterrorism.

Participants will have the opportunity to work with other response organizations within their communities and listen to local, state, and federal experts speak about current efforts in preparation and response.

Participants will also have the opportunity to perform case studies in epidemiology and surveillance and plan for acute as well as every day situations. The conference will be held on August 28, 29, and 30 at the Inn at Prospector Square, Park City, Utah. Registration Information will soon be available at

<http://www.health.state.ut.us/hanconf/public/>. For further information, please contact Susan Lester at 801-370-8737 ****Level 4 Issue - Staff Public Health Training**